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My dear Mr. McCue,

I am in receipt of your communication regarding the value of Certain Coins, or "Pattern Pieces," as generally called.

The "Dana Bickford piece," must be the proposed "Ten Dollars," design, with the value stated in foreign values so as to represent all "International Coin," which would pass current in every Country. — 1874. — The very few specimens which I have seen, are struck in a Composition Metal. It is a desirable piece, and very seldom appears in a Sale, & but few grace Cabinets. — The Mint should by all means secure a specimen of the piece, & I should be very

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I cant imagine why Mr. Newlin
is willing to part with the piece.—
His opportunities have been very
successful in obtaining the late
patterns.— The pieces asked in
exchange will cost you intrinsically
about $2.— 1.70 $3.70— The piece offered
is worth at least $6.— or more.—
Of course, a Collector or dealer,
could not consider such an offer, but
you know what you have in hand
& what you can afford.— While
you remain "Curator of the Cabinet",
I hope that you will use all of
your Zeal to improve it.—

Very Truly
Yours
R. Cox Evans Jr.

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

January 14, 1886.

Sir,

In regard to Mr. Newlin's offer of a "Dana Bickford" dollar, in exchange for 3 dollars, 2 half-dollars, & Quarter & 2 dimes, all patterns of 1869, and of which we have duplicates. Never heard of the Bickford dollar being sold, was not able to put a value on it. I wrote a note to Mr. Robert C. Davis, who is considered the best authority on patterns, that being his hobby and study for the past 25 or 30 years. I think the exchange will be for the benifit of the Cabinet.

R. G. McClure
Curator.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,
Superintendent.

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In reference to a Dana Bickford Dollar, offered for exchange.

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[Abstract:] In reference to a Dana Bickford Dollar, offered for exchange.

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January 13, 1886

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Very Truly
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[Letter Two:]

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Approved
D.M.F. Supt.